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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS****Response to Arguments**

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner repeated his rejection of claims 1-6 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Alperovich (US 5,781,628). In addition, the Examiner repeated his rejection of claims 7-9 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alperovich and Sampei (US 5,732,349). The Examiner stated that the Applicant's arguments in the previous response filed on December 18, 2003 were not persuasive because the Alperovich reference reads on the Applicant's claims by using on and off encryption modes (plurality of encryption modes), which are determined from a ciphering database (Abstract). The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Applicant understands that the Examiner is required to examine the claims in light of the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim language. However, the Applicant contends that the interpretation of turning a single encryption mode on or off (as disclosed in Alperovich) as reading on "a plurality of encryption algorithms" (as recited in the Applicant's claims) is not reasonable. A plurality of encryption algorithms means just that: more than one algorithm for encrypting the data. Alperovich discloses one mode that encrypts the data and one "mode" that does not. Thus, Alperovich does not disclose the step of selecting an encryption algorithm from an encryption algorithm database that stores a plurality of encryption algorithms. The Applicant has further amended the method claims to recite the initial step of storing a plurality of different encryption algorithms in the encryption algorithm database.

The Applicant further notes that these steps are not even suggested by Alperovich because Alperovich is only interested in identifying, through his ciphering database, geographic areas that do not support ciphering (i.e., encryption). Alperovich discloses a database that stores a one or a zero to indicate whether ciphering is available or not. (Col. 4, lines 25-33). There is no suggestion whatsoever that different ciphering modes could be stored in the database.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections and the allowance of the instant application.

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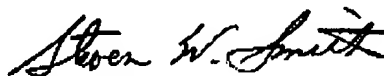
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-17.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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